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JUN 26 2009

Mr. Paul Hoag, Treasurer
Ohio Republican Party
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: MUR 5833
Ohio Democratic Party, *et. al.*

Dear Mr. Hoag:

This is in reference to the complaint that the Ohio Republican Party filed with the Federal Election Commission on October 4, 2006, concerning the Ohio Democratic Party and Dean DePiero, in his official capacity as treasurer, and Friends of Sherrod Brown and Eileen Gallagher, in her official capacity as treasurer.

The Commission found that there was reason to believe that the Ohio Democratic Party violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441d, 434(b)(4)(H)(iii), (6)(B)(iii), and (g)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.4(a) and (b)(2), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (the "Act") and the Commission's regulations. On June 18, 2009, a conciliation agreement signed by the Ohio Democratic Party was accepted by the Commission. A copy of the agreement is enclosed for your information.

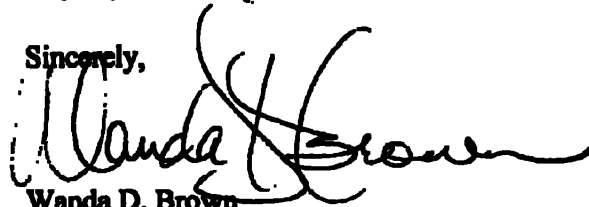
The Commission also found no reason to believe that Friends of Sherrod Brown and Eileen Gallagher, in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f). Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on April 15, 2009. The Factual and Legal Analysis explaining the Commission's finding is enclosed.

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Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the agreement with the Ohio Democratic Party is enclosed for your information. We have also enclosed a Factual and Legal Analysis [is] >[are] enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wanda D. Brown", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Wanda D. Brown
Attorney

Enclosures
Conciliation Agreement – Ohio Democratic Party
Factual and Legal Analysis – Friends of Sherrod Brown

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